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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 19 April 1966

DD/I gave a resume of the activities to date of the Agency's China Task Force.

Godfrey tabled copies of the first report prepared by the joint CIA/DIA task force periodically examining evidence relating to introduction of significant weapons into Cuba.

Kent reported on a session yesterday with DIA officers on NVN order of battle. There is much to be done to refine and improve the methodology of arriving at conclusions on this subject.

deSilva reported on a recommendation from Ambassador Porter to establish another Vung Tau-type training establishment in Vietnam. DD/P noted that this will intensify the Agency's manpower problem. We are already stretched thin.

DCI said that he would be meeting today with Senator Stennis to discuss Vietnam. He asked deSilva for a rundown on the current situation. This was provided. In answer to DCI's inquiry as to whether the odds favor the U. S.'s muddling through the current problems, consensus was that the odds are favorable.

Warner reported that he had met with Senator Symington briefly yesterday to discuss the recent letter from Senator Fulbright about the Carver article. Symington suggested that the Agency's response be in relatively low key and void of harshness.

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Warner reported that OGC has been in receipt of only one Congressional inquiry about recent news stories concerning classification of the State Department Biographic Register. DDCI said he planned to talk to Congressman Moss about this subject.

Warner noted that Representative Mahon has scheduled a meeting on 27 April to discuss [redacted] The presentation will be made by DOD Comptroller Anthony, the DOD DD/R&E, and the D/NRO. DCI has been invited to attend. It was agreed that it would be desirable to coordinate the presentation of this subject, and John Clarke and [redacted] [redacted] will be asked to discuss this with DOD officials.

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Bross reported that General Maxwell Taylor was briefed yesterday on the proposed OXCART deployment. The briefing went well, and Taylor was impressed.

Bross reported that Taylor and Coyne, after having received written terms of reference for [redacted] role as China Coordinator, now understand the arrangements and seem to consider them satisfactory.

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Bross reported that Taylor has canceled his plans to travel to the Middle East. It remains possible that Professor Langer and Gordon Gray will visit some selected NE countries.

Bross reported that the PFIAB will next meet on 26 and 27 May. The DCI is scheduled for an appearance on the afternoon of 26 May.

There was a brief discussion of the status of the Agency's written presentation pertaining to OXCART deployment. Some problems arose in interpretation of the facts provided in the booklet yesterday afternoon, but these were resolved and a copy of the booklet is currently in Secretary McNamara's office. It was noted that Secretary Rusk is currently abroad. DCI indicated that he would not press for a meeting to discuss this subject until Rusk's return.

DD/S&T reported that he had briefed Drs. Foster and Flax yesterday on Agency R&D programs. Both Foster and Flax stated that they support fully the dimensions of the program.

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DD/S&T reported that the Israeli Atomic Energy Minister has resigned and been replaced by former Prime Minister Eshkol. This

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DD/S&T said that he would be off beginning tomorrow for two weeks.

[REDACTED] will be the Acting DD/S&T.

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Executive Director read from a Presidential Memo to all Departments and Agencies urging maximum support of the Payroll Savings Campaign. The memo will be disseminated to Agency employees. All employees will be given the opportunity to say "Yes" or "No" to joining the Payroll Savings Program.

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